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1. GOI HAS BROKEN PUBLIC SILENCE OVER DISCONTENT WITH FAILURE OF 3 YEAR OLD TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS ON DIVISION OF EUPHRATES WATERS. INA ON APRIL 30 REPORTED THAT IRAQ DEL HEADED BY SAEED MALIK AL-ALI OF HIGHER AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE LEFT FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA. IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT AL-ALI SAID:

2. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS "TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH TURKISH AND SYRIAN OFFICIALS ON WATER FILLINGS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RESERVOIRS AND TO SECURE RELEASE OF SUFFICIENT WATER TO MEET IRAQ'S AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE SEASONS. TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF EUPHRATES RIVER WATER HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THREE YEARS NOW WITHOUT REACHING CONCLUSIVE RESULTS. YET, WITH COMMENCEMENT OF FLOOD SEASON, BOTH TURKEY AND SYRIA SET OUT FILLING THEIR RESERVOIRS ALTHOUGH NO ARRANGEMENT HAS

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SO FAR BEEN MADE TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING MATTERS. THIS

SITUATION CAUSED EUPHRATES WATER DISCHARGE TO DROP TO
180 CUB. METER PER SECOND ALMOST ONE MONTH AFTER THE START
OF FILLINGS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AGAINST 500 CUB. METERS
PER SECOND, MINIMUM REQUIRED DISCHARGE TO MEET AGRICULTURAL
REQUIREMENTS."

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